



## ***KENT COUNTY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY***

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**Mediator / Evaluator  
Friend of the Court  
82 Ionia NW  
\$24.88/hr. Full-time**

### ***Job Responsibilities***

The Kent County Friend of the Court assists the 17th Judicial Circuit Court in facilitating the resolution of domestic relations matters so that children's best interests are protected. We enforce child support, custody and parenting time, monitor accounts and prepare recommendations for the Court regarding custody, parenting time and child support.

Duties of this position include conducting lengthy interviews with parents in high conflict, meeting with children, collecting collateral information and preparing extensive written reports and recommending regarding custody, parenting time and child support. The successful candidate will work with parents to resolve disputes related to their children, conduct mediation and encourage positive future behaviors to serve the best interests of children. We are looking for someone who handles pressure well, maintains objectivity and confidentiality, possesses critical thinking and investigative skills and demonstrates excellent written and verbal communication skills. This is a challenging position which requires the ability to consider multiple perspectives, complete work within deadlines, testify in court and write extensively.

### ***Job Requirements***

Master's degree in Social Work, Counseling or Marriage and Family Counseling; or license or limited license to engage in the practice of psychology in the State of Michigan; Juris Doctorate or a minimum of five (5) years' experience in family counseling. Within twelve (12) months of hire, individual must successfully complete a training program provided in accordance with Sec. 19(3)(b) of Michigan Public Act 294 of 1982. Must have a working knowledge of Michigan Court Rules, Michigan Compiled Laws and domestic relations case law. Excellent communication skills, both oral and written, and the ability to interact positively with clients from a wide range of cultural and socio-economic backgrounds are essential.

***Kent County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.***

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